MONTGOMERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2014

The meeting of the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order with a quorum present by Mr. Kirk Jones at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2014 at the Montgomery City Hall, 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kirk Jones, Russell Skinner, Cheryl Fox, Dave McCorquodale, Julia Wall, Bill Hanover and Bob Kerr.

<u>ABSENT:</u>

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Kotlan, Shannan Reid and Erik Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 7, 2014

Mr. McCorquodale made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wall and approved unanimously.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Kotlan reviewed the financial report for February and pointed out that the MEDC has \$549,762.50 as of May 9, 2014. Mr. McCorquodale moved approval of the financial report as presented. Mr. Kerr seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION COMMERCIAL REVITILIZATION GRANT FOR TNT WASTE CONTAINERS SERVICE, LLC FOR SITE FENCE AND GATE

Mr. Travis Mabry submitted an application for a commercial revitalization grant. Discussion ensued regarding whether there was an economic benefit to the community for the grant. Mr. McCorquodale stated that he believed there might be a community benefit due to improved aesthetics since the manual gate at the location is often left open and people illegally dump on the property. Mr. Jones questioned whether this would be a good use of the economic development grant since there was no return on investment in the form of sales taxes or new jobs. Mr. Skinner stated that he did not want to take action since Mr. Mabry was not present to explain the request. Mr. Skinner moved to table the item until the next meeting and Mr. McCorquodale seconded the motion. The motion to table passed with Ms. Fox and Mr. Jones voting against.

CONSIDERATON AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR GATEWAY SIGN IN DOWNTOWN MONTGOMERY

Mr. Kotlan presented a proposal from Signs Plus for a gateway sign to be placed on the Adams property currently being leased by the City to promote the historic downtown business district and provide an electronic message board for promoting tourist events as well as city events. The proposal for \$17,686, but did not include installation. Mr. McCorquodale questioned the look of the sign and the clarity of the LED and Mr. Kotlan brought up examples of the LED on the television screens. Discussion was that the sign and particularly the LED was not adequate. Mr. McCorquodale moved to table the item until another proposal could be obtained that included an LED with better resolution. Mr. Hanover seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATON AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR MATERIALS FOR CITY FORCES TO CONSTRUCT STORM SEWER ON CLEPPER STREET

Mr. Smith stated that city crews could install storm sewer along Clepper Street to enclose a roadside ditch and make room for a sidewalk as planned by the city. The budget for the project is \$35,000. Mr. Skinner moved approval of payment of materials for the project not to exceed the budget. Mr. McCorquodale seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REPORTS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECTS

Mr. Kotlan and Ms. Reid gave brief reports to the board on the results of the Antique Show, the plans for the Freedom Festival on July 5, 2014, and prospective commercial projects.

<u>ADJOURN</u>

Mr. McCorquodale made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.